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PIPELINE SAFETY

2010 State Damage Prevention Grant

for

Call Before You Dig, Incorporated

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

APPLICATION

2010 GRANT PROGRAM IN SUPPORT OF STATE DAMAGE PREVENTION

The Call Before You Dig, Incorporated hereby applies to the Department of Transportation for Federal funds appropriated for the support of State Damage Prevention Programs established under 49 U.S.C. Section 60134 et seq.

The State agency plans to carry out the State Damage Prevention Program, during calendar year 2010, as described in Attachment 1, "Project Abstract/Statement of Objectives". To accomplish the program, the state agency proposes to expend funds as set forth in Attachment 4, "State Damage Prevention Estimated Budget".

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Date



Project Abstract/Statement of Objectives

Please provide a clear and concise description of the work this grant will fund for calendar year 2010

The One Call Center of Connecticut, known as Call Before You Dig, Inc (CBYD), has only been able to accommodate users of "811" on a limited basis. Connecticut was the only state where "811" had been previously, and continuously, used as the method for contacting AT&T's Residential Services Department. This complicated the One Call Center's call taking ability by flooding the center with callers who did not intend to dig. Legitimate excavators were busied out and were unable to get into the center. CBYD added phone lines but maximized the expansion capabilities of the existing phone switch/ system long before being able to satisfactorily resolve the problem.

Therefore, CBYD proposes to upgrade its telephone technology to more fully implement the handling of "811" calls. Specifically, the introduction of a Primary Rate Interface (PRI) would double the line capacity of the Center. Benefits of a PRI include flexibility for future expansion, greater voice clarity and continuity of service as it is continually monitored/managed by AT&T technical support. The PRI would require software enhancements/modifications to CBYD's current telephone voice recording system for compatibility purposes. Several copper cable phone lines would remain for emergency/ disaster recovery situations. In addition, a Virtual Private Network (VPN) would also be installed for ease of maintenance and system modifications performed by the phone vendor to reduce or eliminate service calls. Finally, all Customer Service Representatives would utilize new telephone handsets that would interface with the new telephone equipment.

This enhancement would benefit all stakeholders by allowing for full implementation of, and access to, "811" dialing and also by providing a more efficient communications network with which to contact the One Call Center. The increased ability to log and gather data on call metrics will provide management tools for ensuring that all call handling, sorting and directing is done at the very highest of service levels thus improving both effectiveness and value for Damage Prevention Stakeholders.

With the new telephone technology in place, this grant will be used to fund the creation of a new Safety Training Video to educate, incorporate and encourage the use of 811. The current educational video is twelve (12) years old. The new version would be up to date with new technologies, consistent with current laws, encourage the use of "811" and electronic notifications and promote CGA Best Practices.

In summary, completion of this Project will provide the One Call Center with up to date communication equipment and fully implement the use of "811". The new Safety Training Video will educate the stakeholders for use of "811" which will help ensure public/worker safety and reduce the likelihood of third party damages.

State Damage Prevention Elements

ELEMENT 1 - EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

"Participation by operators, excavators, and other stakeholders in the development and implementation of methods for establishing and maintaining effective communications between stakeholders from receipt of an excavation notification until successful completion of the excavation, as appropriate."

Does the proposed project address this element? (Required) No

Describe any existing state initiatives that support this element: (Required)

In Connecticut, excavators are required to provide notice to the central clearinghouse two full working days prior to starting excavation activity. This notification can be done through 1-800-922-4455, 811, or at www.CBYD.com. The central clearinghouse processes the request, and issues a unique ticket number. The information regarding the ticket request is transmitted to the affected utilities through electronic notification. Connecticut utilities are required by law to either mark the facilities in the work area, mark the work area as 'all clear', or call the excavator to notify that the work area is clear.

Excavators are able to use the internet to obtain ticket requests, through the e-ticket application on the website. Currently, the e-ticket application is only able to be used for excavation at a single point address (e.g. 123 Main St.), but there is a current initiative to expand its use. Through the implementation of a 'dynamic buffer', excavators will have the opportunity to use the e-ticket application for any ticket with a start point and footage in a direction (e.g. starting at 123 Main St and going 750' North). The implementation of the dynamic buffer should be completed prior to the 2010 construction season.

Pre-marking the excavation area in white paint is not only a requirement of Connecticut law, it is also an effective means to assist communication as it clearly defines to the locator the area where the excavator intends to dig. The Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control has taken the initiative to enforce this law. Utilities have been asked to keep track of excavators who don't pre-mark their work areas, and submit data to the Department. The Department is then contacting the worst violators, and working to educate them as to the requirements.

ELEMENT 2 - COMPREHENSIVE STAKEHOLDER SUPPORT

"A process for fostering and ensuring the support and partnership of stakeholders, including excavators, operators, locators, designers, and local government in all phases of the program."

Does the proposed project address this element? (Required) No

Describe any existing state initiatives that support this element: (Required)

Connecticut has a well-established program of interaction between operators, excavators and other stakeholders. The 1-call center is run by a non-profit corporation, Call Before You Dig, Inc. (CBYD). CBYD is governed by its Board of Directors. The Board consists of representatives from:

- 3 Gas distribution operators
- 3 Gas transmission operators
- 2 Electric companies
- 4 Water companies
- 1 Telephone company
- 1 Cable television company
- 2 Municipalities
- 1 State Department of Transportation

Associate members of the Board of Directors include:

State Department of Public Safety
Insurance industry representative
Utility markout service company
Utility Contractors Association of Connecticut
Department of Public Utility Control

Therefore, there is participation by all parties through the Board of Directors of CBYD.

Also, CBYD has a representative who attends the monthly meeting of the Utility Contractors Association of Connecticut. This liaison and interface helps to foster positive communications and understanding of any problems or issues. Constant bi-directional communication is effective in fostering and ensuring support.

ELEMENT 3 - OPERATOR INTERNAL PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT

"A process for reviewing the adequacy of a pipeline operator's internal performance measures regarding persons performing locating services and quality assurance programs."

Does the proposed project address this element? (Required) No

Describe any existing state initiatives that support this element: (Required)

In Connecticut, all operators are required to report all damages to their facilities. In these reports, the operators report the root cause of the incident which indicates if a markout error led to the incident. The root causes are further broken down to establish if the locator made an error, or if the mismark was caused by bad records. Each month, the Department of Public Utility Control reviews the damage data, looking at the number of markout person error damages for each individual operator and the program as a whole. The data is also tracked on a rolling 12-month total, in order to look for overall trends. Observations on this data are raised to the utilities during Board of Directors meetings.

The Gas Pipeline Safety Unit of the Department of Public Utility Control conducts periodic Operations and Maintenance audits of all gas operators in the State, including both local distribution and gas transmission operators. As part of this audit, the damage prevention program is reviewed, including markout person error damages. All operators are expected to, and do have, quality assurance programs to monitor the performance of personnel performing markouts. In addition, all pipeline operators have training programs for their personnel performing markouts, and this is considered a 'covered task' in their Operator Qualification plans. All personnel performing markouts are required to pass a test before being qualified to locate gas facilities.



ELEMENT 4 - EFFECTIVE EMPLOYEE TRAINING

"Participation by operators, excavators, and other stakeholders in the development and implementation of effective employee training programs to ensure that operators, the one call center, the enforcing agency, and the excavators have partnered to design and implement training for the employees of operators, excavators, and locators."

Does the proposed project address this element? (Required) No

Describe any existing state initiatives that support this element: (Required)

Call Before You Dig holds a monthly training session for excavators, which reviews all laws which govern the program. The Department of Public Utility Control, who has the authority to enforce the laws through civil penalties, has utilized this program to negate civil penalties for first time offenders. Excavators who have a reported violation of failing to call CBYD prior to excavating, and who have no prior history of violations, are given the opportunity to attend the training session in lieu of a civil penalty. Approximately 100 excavators per year attend these training sessions to settle their cases.

Call Before You Dig has partnered with a representative of the DPUC to conduct field training sessions. These training sessions are usually the result of enforcement actions taken against an excavator, and are included in settlement agreements reached between the DPUC and excavators. The content of these training sessions is similar to the monthly sessions, but are conducted on-site at the excavator's location so all of the excavators' employees can attend, and includes training from the DPUC.

The DPUC has an initiative to form a partnered with OSHA in conducting joint training sessions. When OSHA is giving a presentation regarding trench safety, a representative from the DPUC is invited to attend to provide training on underground utility damage prevention.

Annually, CBYD sponsors the "Public Utility Expo". The program includes an exhibitor area of construction suppliers, CBYD utility members, state agencies and outdoor demonstrations and exhibits. In addition, training presentations regarding damage prevention are given by organizations such as CBYD, OSHA, utilities, and contractor locating companies. As a result of data indicating increased violations and damages in Fairfield County, a similar "Excavator Breakfast" has been held in that part of the State.

ELEMENT 5 - PUBLIC EDUCATION

"A process for fostering and ensuring active participation by all stakeholders in public education for damage prevention activities."

Does the proposed project address this element? (Required) Yes

Describe any existing state initiatives that support this element: (Required)

Public Awareness and Education is a cornerstone of the Connecticut CBYD program. The Public Awareness and Education committee of the CBYD Board of Directors is responsible for coordinating the bulk of the media advertising. A new initiative started in 2009 was the utilization of a media consultant to analyze the current advertising programs, and work to suggest improvements. The result of this relationship was the production of two new television commercials, and the purchase of airtime on local TV stations. The result was CBYD advertisements appearing daily on the local morning news, and during National Hockey League, NASCAR, and Major League Baseball sporting events. This new public awareness initiative resulted in a noticeable increase in the number of homeowners calling CBYD, and has contributed to a significant reduction in the number of damages during 2009.

The Public Awareness and Education committee has taken the initiative to actively participate in many different trade shows of organizations whose members may participate in excavation activities. Shows that have been attended by CBYD are the Connecticut Groundkeepers Association, Connecticut Greenhouse Growers Association, Connecticut Turf Conference and Trade Show, Connecticut Home Show, and the Connecticut Association of Street and Highway Officials.

Several operators have been broadcasting the CBYD message on their own. They have done this through including CBYD messages on their bill stuffers, newspaper advertisements, and television ads. Some operators have put large CBYD advertising logos on their trucks and vans. Most operators have included information and links regarding CBYD on their company's website. Some operators have hired contractors to patrol their distribution areas to monitor excavation projects, and these contractors have been distributing CBYD educational materials to excavators.

An initiative undertaken by the Department of Public Utility Control is the distribution of educational materials at equipment rental centers. A DPUC liaison has been visiting rental centers through the State, talking with the management of the rental centers, and leaving educational materials for the center to share with renters. In addition, some rental centers have allowed the DPUC to affix CBYD stickers right inside the equipment.

Describe how the proposed project will enhance or continue implementation of this element: (Required only if proposal addresses this element)

The widely used educational video is currently twelve (12) years old. The new version of the Safety Training Video would be up to date with new technologies, consistent with current laws, encourage the use of "811" and electronic notifications and promote CGA Best

ELEMENT 6 - DISPUTE RESOLUTION

"A process for resolving disputes that defines the State authority's role as a partner and facilitator to resolve issues."

Does the proposed project address this element? (Required) No

Describe any existing state initiatives that support this element: (Required)

Section 16-356 of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut and section 16-345-9 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies establishes that the Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC) is the authority that can assess civil penalties for violations of the Underground Damage Prevention regulations. The DPUC reviews each violation that is reported, performs investigations, and takes enforcement action as appropriate. Typically, civil penalties are assessed through a settlement agreement process. Violators are asked to meet with the DPUC, and the issues and violations are reviewed with the violator. The violator then can reach terms with the DPUC to settle the case without a hearing. The terms usually include a civil penalty, some form of additional training, and the necessity for the violator to establish procedures to assure future compliance.



ELEMENT 7 - ENFORCEMENT

"Enforcement of State damage prevention laws and regulations for all aspects of the damage prevention process, including public education, and the use of civil penalties for violations assessable by the appropriate State authority."

Does the proposed project address this element? (Required) No

Describe any existing state initiatives that support this element: (Required)

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The regulations provide guidance into whether or not to assess a penalty, and the amount of the penalty. Section 16-345-9(c) requires that the factors that to be considered are the number and nature of past violations, previous enforcement actions taken against the violator, the good faith efforts of the violator to have complied with the statutes and regulations, the plans and procedures to insure compliance with the statutes and regulations in the future, the amount of damage caused to the underground facility, the nature and severity of the violation, the degree of threat to public safety, the degree of public inconvenience, circumstances beyond the control of the violator, and such other factors that are in the public interest.

The majority of civil penalties are assessed through a settlement agreement process, where the violator reaches an agreement with the DPUC to settle the case. In all cases, settlement agreements include provisions for additional training. For small companies, they are required to send representatives to the CBYD clearinghouse for a training session. For larger companies, representatives from CBYD and DPUC provide on-site training. For one large excavator who had a long history of violations and fines, the DPUC hosted a training session, which included comments from DPUC Commissioners, and training from the DPUC, CBYD, a gas distribution company, a water distribution company, and OSHA.

ELEMENT 8 - TECHNOLOGY

"A process for fostering and promoting the use, by all appropriate stakeholders, of improving technologies that may enhance communications, underground pipeline locating capability, and gathering and analyzing information about the accuracy and effectiveness of locating programs."

Does the proposed project address this element? (Required) Yes

Describe any existing state initiatives that support this element: (Required)

The Call Before You Dig Central Clearinghouse has taken several initiatives to enhance the technology of the clearinghouse. Several years ago, the clearinghouse changed to a completely GIS based mapping application. This application included the ability to take in exception reports of new streets that were not on the maps (such as new streets being built), and provide that information to the mapping vendor who would research the new street and add it to the base maps. This new mapping process ensured that the GIS base maps were continuously kept up-to-date.

A current initiative being undertaken at the clearinghouse is the installation of a brand new, state of the art computer system. This is a significant upgrade to the clearinghouse, including new workstations, servers, and software. In addition, new servers will be installed at the after hours call center in Kentucky, which will be configured to provide a real-time back-up of all data at the clearinghouse. This configuration will allow for a robust disaster recovery plan, giving the after hours call center the capability to continue the operations with current data in the event of a catastrophic failure at the Connecticut call center. This on-going initiative is scheduled to be completed by mid 2010.

Several Local Distribution Gas companies have installed high pressure gas pipelines over the past five years. The Department of Public Utility Control's Gas Pipeline Safety Unit (GPSU), who has regulatory oversight of the construction and operation of these facilities, worked with the gas companies during the design phase of their projects to design and implement encroachment detection systems. The system consisted of four copper wires buried above the pipeline, with circuitry designed to alarm the control center if the circuit of copper wire is broken. There has already been one instance of an excavation over a 750 psig pipeline, which was being done without a CBYD ticket, being discovered before any damage to the pipeline occurred.

Describe how the proposed project will enhance or continue implementation of this element: (Required only if proposal addresses this element)

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ELEMENT 9 - DAMAGE PREVENTION PROGRAM REVIEW

"A process for review and analysis of the effectiveness of each program element, including a means for implementing improvements identified by such program reviews."

Does the proposed project address this element? (Required) No

Describe any existing state initiatives that support this element: (Required)

Connecticut Regulations require that operators report all damages and violations to the Central Clearinghouse. The Central Clearinghouse inputs this information into a database, and submits this data to the Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC). The DPUC performs analysis on this data to identify trends in damage data. This information is regularly shared with the Call Before You Dig (CBYD) Board of Directors in order to provide guidance to different programs. For example, the number of No-Notice damages in one particular county was disproportionate with other similarly-sized counties. This information was shared with the Public Awareness and Education committee, who in turn established an initiative to increase the advertising efforts in that county, including sponsoring 'Excavator Breakfasts'. The result was a significant decrease in the numbers of no-notice damages in that county, which was verified by monitoring the damage statistics.

The Central Clearinghouse hosts monthly training sessions for excavators. The majority of excavators in attendance at these courses are excavators who had a reported violation, and are attending the class to avoid civil penalties. The DPUC and CBYD have partnered in an initiative to collect data from these excavators to better understand the reasons for their violations. All attendees are given an anonymous survey, and asked about the type of company they are, the size of their company, the work that they normally are engaged in, the type of work they were doing when they committed their violation, and why they did not call CBYD prior to performing the excavation activity. The data from these surveys is reviewed by the DPUC and the CBYD Public Awareness and Education Committee, and it provides useful insight as to mis-conceptions and mis-understandings regarding CBYD. This information is used to design advertising and public awareness messages.



Legislative/Regulatory Actions

Provide a description of any legislature or regulatory actions (including legislative/regulatory studies) taken by the State within the past five (5) years pertaining to damage prevention program improvement, even if those actions were not completely successful.

An initiative was taken by the Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC) to increase the amounts of civil penalties for violations on the Connecticut Damage Prevention laws. It seemed that certain excavators may have been looking at the amounts of civil penalties as a 'cost of doing business'. The maximum civil penalty had been \$10,000 per violation, with a sliding scale of maximum civil penalty amounts based on the amount of property damage (for example, if property damage was less than \$3,000, the maximum civil penalty was \$3,000).

The first step in this initiative was a change to the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, which are the laws approved by the Legislature. The DPUC championed Public Act 04-43, Senate Bill 144, which increased the maximum civil penalty to \$40,000. The bill also required the DPUC to adopt new regulations regarding civil penalties.

The DPUC opened Docket 04-10-22, to revise section 16-345-9 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. In this revision, the sliding scale of maximum civil penalties was increased (property damage less than \$3,000, maximum civil penalty of \$12,000, property damage between \$3,000 and \$12,000, maximum civil penalty of \$20,000, and property damage over \$20,000, a maximum civil penalty of \$40,000). In addition, several additional criteria were added to set the maximum civil penalty. If a violation causes personal injury or death, the civil penalty can be up to \$40,000. If an excavator knowingly damages a utility and fails to report the damage to the utility company, the penalty can be up to \$40,000. In addition, the DPUC has the authority to assess a civil penalty of \$40,000 for ANY violation, based upon the degree of threat to public safety and the degree of public inconvenience. These new regulations were adopted and became effective on February 2, 2006.



State Damage Prevention Application Attachments

Governor Letter - 2010 SDP Grant.pdf
Exhibit B Element 8 Technology.pdf
Exhibit A Element 8 Technology.pdf
Est_3618_from_VSI_Media - Element 5.pdf
Est_23_from_Element 5.pdf



SECTION C - NON-FEDERAL RESOURCES					
(a) Grant Program		(b) Applicant	(c) State	(d) Other Sources	(e)TOTALS
8.	State Damage Prevention Program	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
9.	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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12. TOTAL (sum of lines 8-11)		\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>

SECTION D - FORECASTED CASH NEEDS					
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13. Federal	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
14. Non-Federal	\$ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
15. TOTAL (sum of lines 13 and 14)	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>

SECTION E - BUDGET ESTIMATES OF FEDERAL FUNDS NEEDED FOR BALANCE OF THE PROJECT					
(a) Grant Program		FUTURE FUNDING PERIODS (YEARS)			
		(b)First	(c) Second	(d) Third	(e) Fourth
16.	State Damage Prevention Program	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
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20. TOTAL (sum of lines 16 - 19)		\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>

SECTION F - OTHER BUDGET INFORMATION	
21. Direct Charges: <input type="text"/>	22. Indirect Charges: <input type="text"/>
23. Remarks: <input type="text"/>	

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* 1. Type of Submission:

- ☐ Preapplication
☒ Application
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* 2. Type of Application:

- ☒ New
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* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):

* Other (Specify)

* 3. Date Received:

09/08/2009

4. Applicant Identifier:

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

* 5b. Federal Award Identifier:

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name:

Call Before You Dig, Incorporated

* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):

06-0972151

* c. Organizational DUNS:

109955414

d. Address:

* Street1:

2040 Whitney Ave

Street2:

* City:

Hamden

County:

* State:

CT: Connecticut

Province:

* Country:

USA: UNITED STATES

* Zip / Postal Code:

06517

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:

Operation

Division Name:

CT

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix:

Mr

* First Name:

Dean

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Muratori

Suffix:

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President

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9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:

A: State Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

Pipeline &Hazardous Material Safety Administration

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

20.720

CFDA Title:

Pipeline Safety

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

DTPH56-10-SN-0001

* Title:

State Damage Prevention Grants

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

Call Before You Dig, Incorporated State Damage Prevention

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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*** Applicant Federal Debt Delinquency Explanation**

The following field should contain an explanation if the Applicant organization is delinquent on any Federal Debt. Maximum number of characters that can be entered is 4,000. Try and avoid extra spaces and carriage returns to maximize the availability of space.

CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions.

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

The undersigned states, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

If any funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions. Submission of this statement is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required statement shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

* APPLICANT'S ORGANIZATION

Call Before You Dig, Incorporated

* PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

Prefix: Mr * First Name: Dean Middle Name:

* Last Name: Muratori Suffix:

* Title: President

* SIGNATURE: Dean Muratori

* DATE: 09/08/2009



M. JODI RELL
GOVERNOR

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

August 11, 2009

Mr. Warren Osterberg
U.S. Department of Transportation
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA)
ATTN: Office of Contracts and Procurement (PHA-30)
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Room E22-103
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Solicitation number DTPH56-10-SN-001, 2010 State Damage Prevention Grant

Dear Mr. Osterberg:

I hereby designate Call Before You Dig, Inc. (CBYD), of 2040 Whitney Avenue, Hamden, CT, a corporation established pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut §§ 16-348 under the authority of the Department of Public Utility Control, as the state authority eligible for the "State Damage Prevention Grant" administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration. CBYD is integral to the prevention of damage to underground pipeline facilities, and therefore is eligible to receive this grant.

This grant will be used to fund the replacement of the telephone system at the Call Before You Dig central clearinghouse. The new telephone system will allow for the full implementation and utilization of 811 as a central one-call number in the State of Connecticut.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. Jodi Rell".

M. Jodi Rell
Governor
State of Connecticut